



Ward Notification

Tucson Fire Department

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Ward 5 – House Fire - 5700 Block of East Farmridge Drive

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Dispatch Time – 0645
On Scene Time – 0654
Fire Under Control – 0707

There were multiple calls to 911, from neighbors, reporting a house fire with the possibility of occupants still being inside. A man who lives next to this home heard his dogs barking and people yelling. He looked out to see what was going on and noticed the front of his friend's house completely engulfed. He ran over to help and make sure everyone was out. He found his neighbor lying on the ground near the front door spraying water on the fire. He assisted his friend with extinguishment and waited for firefighters to arrive. Firefighter/Paramedics transported a man to a hospital with non life-threatening injuries. Thirteen minutes later the blaze was controlled. No other injuries occurred.

Two people were displaced. Red Cross is assisting with food, clothing, medications and shelter. The entire home was destroyed. Damage is estimated at \$150,000.
Cause – Accidental – Carelessly discarded smoking materials.
Origin – front door entrance area

Safety message: Think about your plan. If you have pets or if someone in the family cannot get out on their own, how will you get them out? Shutting doors, exiting immediately and waiting at the meeting place could be a great plan. Firefighters have protective equipment and special cameras which can allow us to quickly and safely rescue your loved one. If you go back in, it complicates the rescue and prevents firefighters from obtaining information you otherwise could have provided.